



# Media Release



## **Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Water Resources Control Board Issue Statement on Clear Lake Concerns Following Signing of State Budget by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.**

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has directed the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to work with Senator Michael McGuire (D-Healdsburg) and Assemblymember William Dodd (D-Napa) to identify sources of state or other funding to help address the significant water quality problems plaguing Clear Lake, located in Lake County.

Clear Lake's problems of deteriorating drinking water quality, loss of wetlands and threats of invasive species have been exacerbated by the ongoing drought. Voters recently approved Proposition 1, which provides significant amounts of funding for improving drinking water and ecosystem restoration. Furthermore, SWRCB and CDFW have identified other funding sources, such as low interest loans, that could be combined with possible Proposition 1 allocations to provide up to 100 percent of drinking water quality improvement project costs, in addition to funding for projects qualified under the ecosystem restoration program.

The SWRCB and CDWF will assist Lake County, and its communities, in the application process for applicable funds so they are considered for grant funding. The SWRCB and CDWF also will provide appropriate technical planning assistance during the application process. The SWRCB and CDWF along with Senator McGuire and Assemblymember Dodd fully expect and intend that work will take place in fiscal year 2015-16 to help the communities of Lake County to address their water quality and ecosystem restoration problems as expeditiously as possible.

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